United Nations S/2013/152

Security Council

Distr.: General
12 March 2013

Original: English

Letter dated 11 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With grave concern over the abduction and detention of 21 Filipino peacekeepers in UNDOF by members of an armed group on 6 March, I have the honour to convey the Philippine Government's call to the Security Council to exert all efforts and use its influence on all parties to the conflict in Syria to:

- Ensure the freedom of movement and the safety and security of all UNDOF personnel consistent with obligations and commitments under international law
- Take measures to ensure that similar incidents are avoided in the future
- Cooperate with UNDOF in its operations to ensure that the mission is able to fulfil its mandate.

In the event that a similar incident involving peacekeepers from any United Nations peacekeeping mission occurs, the Philippines asks the Security Council to ensure that a mechanism is in place that guarantees open, active and transparent dialogue between troop-contributing countries of that mission and the Security Council.

I have the further honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Libran N. **Cabactulan**
Permanent Representative

13-25748 (E) 130313

Please recycle